(d) Of the seventeen appointees, six belong to SC/ST.

(e) Two employees were suspended.

Protection of Kalibangan Archaeological Site

1631. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report which appeared in Hindustan Times Delhi dated the 4th February, 1994 about the Harappan ruins being in a state of neglect;

(b) if so, what is the reasons of the famous Kalibangan archaeological site being allowed to suffer such a neglect;

(c) whether Government have enquired from the persons responsible in the Archaeological Survey of India for looking after the Kalibangan site and fixed responsibility on some persons; and

(d) what are the plans of Government to immediately protect Kalibangan site before the rainy season ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KM. SELJA) : (a) Yes, Sir. The excavated site of Kalibangan is a Centrally protected Monument. It is not in a state of neglect.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) Usual conservation measures are taken before the rains.

Grants for promotion Sanskrit

1632. DR SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has asked for grants under the scheme of Grant to State Governments for their own scheme for promotion of Sanskrit, for the current year;

(b) if so, what is the amount of grants which they have asked for;

(c) whether such grants have been released to them; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons for the non-release of grants ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION & DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KM. SELJA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Scholarships to Sanskrit Students

1633. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the amount of scholarships being given to students studying Sanskrit in High and Higher Secondary Schools will be increased to Rs. 100 per month from the present Rs. 35 per month;

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor when the amount of scholarships in all other fields is being increased;

(c) whether the number of beneficiaries under this scheme will also be increased; and

(d) the States which are taking maximum benefit of this Scheme and what is the State-wise break up of students ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION & DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KM. SELJA): (a) to (c) A Review Committee is examining the Scheme. Report of the Committee is awaited. Further action will be taken on receipt of the Report.

(d) State-wise break up of Students is given in the enclosed Statement.